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Board of Police Commissioners

June 3, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM

Commission Members Present: John Hammerslough, Rick Saltz, Rick Phillips, Peter Ottomano, Beth Gralnick and Bill Brady. Jess DiPasquale absent

Others Present: Chief Troxell, Sgt. Ferullo, John Conte, Town Engineer, S.O. Terry Mooney and Townsperson Chris Kimberly

1) Consideration/Approval of minutes of the May 6, 2008

Commissioner Brady made the motion to approve the minutes with corrections; motion was seconded by Commissioner Gralnick. Motion passed unanimously.

2) Chief H. Rilling, Norwalk PD. Mutual Ride-Along Program

Chief Rilling wanted to state for the record how great Chief Troxell and Sgt. Ferullo were during Norwalk's difficult time with the untimely death of Off. Morelli.

Chiefs Rilling and Troxell explained how the Ride-Along Program would initially work. Chief Rilling handed out a draft of the Ride-Along Agreement and a Mutual Police Assistance Compact. The Ride-Along program would be on a voluntary basis and would not cause any overtime.

3) Consideration of temporary stop sign on River Road at Cedar Lane

A written complaint was received from a resident concerning excessive speed on River Road and the very limited sight line at the intersection of River Road and Cedar Lane. The resident requested temporary stop signs at this intersection and hoped they would be made permanent. Chief Troxell said this is just one of many complaints about line of

sight at intersections across town. The Chief also stated that no accidents had ever been reported at the intersection of Cedar Lane and River Road. The commission was concerned that there was insufficient line of sight for the placement of stop signs and suggested that the line of sight at the intersection could be dramatically improved if several trees were removed. The Commission asked John Conte, Town Engineer to look into the removal of the trees. Mr. Conte explained that at this time they do not know who's property the trees are on and it would take a few months to have the property surveyed.

Commissioner Hammerslough made a motion to place temporary stop signs at the intersection of River Road and Cedar Lane, no second to the motion. Motion failed.

4) Revised Department Rules & Regulation – S.O. Terry Mooney

S.O. Mooney handed out the old and the new rules and regulations. The Commissioners did not have time to review them, so, Terry will return for the July meeting, when they will discuss the rules and regulations.

5) Presentation of Chief's report for May 2008

Overtime was a little higher due to the incident at Bisceglie Park and Memorial Day. Sgt. Ferullo gave the amount of monies coming in for reimbursements from the State and from grants. The only budget line item that they have exceeded year to date was for training.

Commissioner Phillips recognized Chris Kimberly, a Weston resident. Mr. Kimberly feels that not enough tickets for speeding are being given out. Commissioner Ottomano thinks the policy for writing tickets should be looked at. Commissioner Gralnick feels that more tickets should be given for cell phone use while driving.

6) Sergeant's Exam – Discussion of next steps

The Police Union rejected the Commission's selection of Dr. Larry Jetmore to administer the written part of the exam. The Union will be interviewing its own candidates to administer the written part of the exam. Chief Troxell spoke with Mr. Jetmore about doing just the written portion of the exam and he said he normally does not do just one part but would this time. Chief Troxell will have a price quote from Mr. Jetmore for the next meeting.

7) Sub-committee assignments and reports

No Reports

8) Other Business

Arbitration for Bruce Turner has been rescheduled for June 19, 2008

9) Police Captain Position – Executive Session

At 9:30 PM Commissioner Saltz motioned to recess to Executive Session, motion seconded by Commission Gralnick. Executive Session ended at 9:45 PM. Commissioner Ottomano made a motion to adjourn at 9:48 PM, motion seconded by Commissioner Gralnick.

Respectively submitted,

Ellen L. Jones
Recording Secretary

APPROVED July 1, 2008